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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL. OFFICIAL

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FOR : METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND IDENTIFYING NEW HYDROLASES HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES

ART UNIT : 1652

EXAMINER : C. Patterson

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June 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.